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### *24th Annual Hunter Education Instructor Conference and Recognition Banquet*

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The 24th annual instructor conference and recognition banquet was held at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck on January 24, 2009. 216 instructors attended the Saturday afternoon session and 351 instructors and family members participated in the awards presentation banquet that evening.

I would like to thank all of you that attended and from my standpoint, it was a great success. We had two breakout sessions that resulted in good discussion and input; exactly what I wanted and as always, you came through! As a result of those breakouts, we have a revised student exam and initial input for a future revision of our manual. You provided me with a sense of direction that will assist me in supporting you and our continued efforts in improving upon an already outstanding program.

The day concluded with the most important activity, that of recognizing your years of service and the presentation of service awards. We have also included group photos in this edition of the newsletter. We will be sending out photos for those of you that attended the event. For those that weren't able to attend, your recognition award has been mailed to you.

Thanks to Terry Steinwand, Director of ND Game and Fish Dept. for presenting his "State of the Department" message and assisting in presenting awards. I would

also like to thank Chris Grondahl, Outreach Supervisor, for his involvement during the afternoon sessions and assisting with the presentations. And of course, many thanks to Steph Thompson for her invaluable assistance before, during and after the conference!

It was a great weekend, congratulations to all of the service award recipients and on behalf of the department, thank you for your dedicated service.

I encourage you to consider attending next year; you can mark your calendar for February 13-15, 2010 at the Ramkota in Bismarck.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Regional Workshops

March 28, 2009 @ Williston

#### State Fair

July 24 - August 1, 2009 @ Minot

#### Annual Conference

February 13-15, 2010 @ Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THESE EVENTS!

*"Who gets the bird, the hunter  
or the dog?" – John Lewis*

## *HE Student Exam*

The revised exam is complete and as you order your course materials, you will be receiving all new exams and answer sheets, along with an instructor copy and answer key. The exam booklet is not to be written on, record all answers on the answer sheet; please announce this before you hand out the exam. I would recommend numbering your exam booklets; this will assist you in accounting for all of them as students hand them in. Your instructor copy has the correct answers highlighted and a page number that refers you to where the answer is in the manual. Not all of the answers are “word for word” in the manual and if that’s the case, the page number indicates where you can insert this discussion point. While these answers are not right of the manual, I feel strongly that they are important, common sense topics that are hunting safety concerns (these are issues that will be considered when we revise the manual). The “A CHUM SPORT” is on the answer sheet, not in the exam booklet; ensure that your students complete all portions of the exam! You also have a transparency overlay to use in the scoring of the test. The practical pass/fail is on the backside of the answer sheet. 90% is the passing score, which means that more than 6 wrong will require retesting or retaking the course.

## *Recruiting New Instructors*

Continue your outstanding efforts in recruiting new instructors! We certified 41 new instructors in 2008 and I have sent out 11 already this year. You are recruiting your assistants and replacements, so select those that are the best of the best for the future of our program! One of the things that I would stress to all new instructors is how important assisting a veteran instructor is and to be very comfortable before you take on the lead role.

## *Regional Workshops*

We have one regional workshop remaining this winter at Williston (Mar 28); Bismarck and Devils Lake were a success, with 35-40 instructors attending those workshops.

The workshops are focused on the historical and present foundation of wildlife management on this continent, “The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation”. Two extremely qualified presenters will facilitate the workshops: Mike McEnroe, retired career biologist for the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Roger Krueger, Human Resource and Training Consultant. These two professionals are very well versed in the North American Model and have served as Hunter Education Instructors for over 20 years.

A REMINDER FOR ALL INSTRUCTORS: Attendance at these workshops and/or the annual conference is required every 24 months in order to retain your certification. The other requirement is to teach a course every 24 months.

# Hunter Education Instructor Service Awards 2008



35 Year Service Award Recipients (\$500 Grant and Ring)

Ron Klein

Not pictured: Lyle Rose



25 Year Service Award Recipients (Choice of Remington Rifle or Shotgun)

(L to R) Terry Steinwand, Mark Montgomery, Rick Suckut, David Rensch, Clyde Grosz, Donald Meyer, Dale Brewster, Donald Brewster



30 Year Service Award Recipients (Lifetime Combination License)

(L to R) Front row: Rodney Berg, Chris Hansen, Mike Voglewede, Dick Cheately, Back Row: Noel Podoll, Karl Broeren, Ronald Koenig, Collin Hoffart, Myron Schell, Terry Steinwand

Not pictured: James Balsdon, Melvin Bruhn, John Buresh, Marlowe Grindler, Orville Hoger, Ronald Hunsberger



20 Year (Leupold Binoculars)

(L to R) Todd Foss, Keith Domke, Ralph Danuser, Richard Brewster, Myron Hanson, Mike McEnroe



**15 Year (Logo Embroidered Jacket)**  
(L to R) Terry Buechler, Rick Olson, Allen Shirado, Francis Miller, Duane Reinisch



**10 Year (Filson Gun Case)**  
(L to R) Front Row: Craig Roe, Adnan Aldayel, Mark Entzi, Marvin Neumiller  
Back Row: Randy Christensen, Steve Kliwein, Michael Hinrichs, Mark Engen, Leon Hiltner, Jeffery Lemer



**5 Year (6" Buck Sheath Knife)**  
(L to R) Terry Kassian, Charles Olen



**2 Year Service Award Recipients (Blaze Orange Vest with Patch)**  
(L to R) Front Row: Paul Goldade, Lowell Dusek, Jr, Wayne Bauer, Steve Goroski  
Back Row: Deb Michels, Samuel Theurer, Chad Symington, Casey Martin, Marty Marchello, Nadine Kassian

## 2008 Program Recap

Some interesting numbers from 2008 as far as our program and your classes! We conducted 256 gun courses and 5 bow courses resulting in certifying 5,508 out of 6,243 that enrolled (88%); 2,164 were females (39% - outstanding!) and 35 Home Study courses were conducted with 488 students participating.

**A note for this year: Please forward pictures of classes and we'll include them in the newsletter!**

## North Dakota Hunter Educator's Association (NDHEA)

As a certified instructor you are eligible to become a member of our NDHEA, please contact the membership chairman, Charles Vasicek, 701-223-9797 or [cvasicek@bis.midco.net](mailto:cvasicek@bis.midco.net). Together, we can work towards improving an already outstanding program through additional programs and activities.

## Training Aids

Over the years, many of you were issued training aids, various firearms, both shotguns and rifles to use in your classes. Since those were purchased with State funds, there needs to be accountability for them. We have lists that identify what you were issued, by name, city and serial number. In the near future, we will be sending out those lists and you will be asked to verify what you have. If you don't have them, we need to know what happened to them; e.g., were they passed on to another instructor? In some cases, those that originally received them are not "Active" according to the program guidelines, hopefully these firearms were passed on to an active instructor! Another reason for conducting an inventory is to find out whether or not the firearms are operational. If you have firearms and they need repair, let's get them fixed so that they can be used for the intended purpose!

## Instructor Resources and Information

### National Shooting Sports Federation

[www.nssf.org](http://www.nssf.org)

Great resources and information. Families Afield legislative actions supporting hunting and education, recruiting and retaining young hunters. *Instructors can order free safety education material (up to 100 each).*

### IHEA International Hunter Education Association

[www.ihea.com](http://www.ihea.com)

Instructor tools, tips and discounts. >> Username: *instuctor* Password: *gohunt*  
*You are encouraged to become a member of IHEA, but not required.*



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